

# THE SENATE ETHICS COMPLAINT FORM

Re: Nate Boulton (Senator), of Senate District 16 Des Moines, Iowa.

I, Sharon Wegner (Complainant), residing at PRIVATE, in the City of Des Moines, State of Iowa, hereby complain that Nate Boulton (Senator), whose address is 2670 Wisconsin Ave., Des Moines Iowa 50317, has violated the Senate Code of Ethics or Joint Rules Governing Lobbyists in that:

On November 20, 2015, I was at the Continental Bar on Locust Ave. in the East Village area of Des Moines with my friend Ash Bruxvoort. We were meeting for a drink there before heading over to the drag show "Drag King" at Woolys. Senator Boulton arrived with his wife, Andrea. I also saw several other people who I knew come by the Continental.

Nate was not at this time an elected official; he was running for the Senate seat that he now occupies. I knew Nate from political and legal functions around Des Moines. I spent some time talking to him while at the Continental. He asked me to advocate for him to my friends and family so that he could have their vote. I remember very specifically that I said I didn't know anyone that lived in his district and he told me that the East Village "where we are standing right now" was his district.

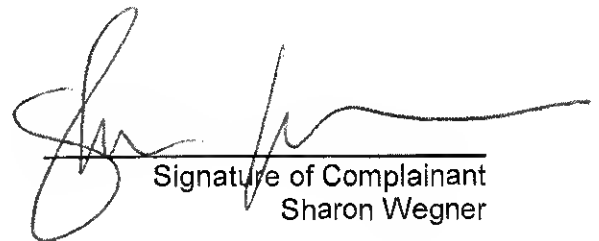
At some point a group of people including Senator Boulton and his wife moved to Woolys. The Drag King event was a celebration of queer women dressing up in male drag and performing. The group I was with stood south and west of the stage, close to the bar. The group stood around talking and watching the performances. While standing in the group I felt Senator Boulton place his hand on my butt. It was not an accidental graze. It was not a mistake or miscommunication. He placed his hand on my butt and kept it there until I moved. Immediately after he touched me, I moved away from him and relocated myself to the opposite side of the circle from where Senator Boulton was standing. This was not enough to get Senator Boulton to leave me alone. Throughout the rest of the evening at Woolys, Senator Boulton would find a way to stand next to me and every time he was next to me he placed his hand on my butt. This happened at least five more times at Woolys.

After the conclusion of the Drag King event, my friend Ash and I went to the Beechwood. I had stopped drinking earlier in the evening as I did not feel safe, but stayed out with my friend. Neither Ash nor I went to the Beechwood with Senator Boulton or invited him. After a short while Senator Boulton and his wife arrived. Senator Boulton seemed to find me in the crowd and


again stood next to me and placed his hand on my butt. For the remainder of my time at the Beechwood I stood in a corner with my back up against a wall so that he would finally stop touching me.

I did not act forcefully or verbally to compel him to stop. Senator Boulton, although not a sitting Senator at the time, was someone who I perceived to have a great deal of power both within the community and within my profession. I was afraid of professional repercussions if I said anything.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the above complaint is true and correct as I verily believe.

  
Signature of Complainant  
Sharon Wegner

SUBSCRIBED AND AFFIRMED to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

